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## TOWN MEETING REPORT

Voters Saturday unanimously accepted as a gift the building, land and contents of the Duxbury Free Library, Inc., then decided, 272 to 8, to spend \$327,500 to build and equip an addition to the existing structure, which will be renovated.

The project will be financed by taking \$62,500 from the stabilization fund and floating a 20-year \$265,000 bond issue. The town will be reimbursed with a \$60,000 Federal grant and \$55,000 in pledged gifts.

The town has been paying two thirds of the operating costs of the library, but U.S. funds for expansion could not be received unless the town assumed outright ownership. Selectmen were directed to name six trustees to serve until 1968.

Voters closely followed Fi-

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nance Committee recommendations at the first town meeting session in the high school gym. A town budget of \$2,024,769 was adopted, an increase of \$341,436 over last year. Higher school costs accounted for 47 per cent of the hike.

An amended wage and salary plan was accepted, 431 to 14. It grants raises and in some instances shorter working hours for town employees.

Taken from free cash was \$200,000 to reduce the tax rate. The finance committee has estimated an \$8 rate increase to \$51.

The 658 voters present earmarked \$60,000 for the stabilization fund, approved \$39,500 for water main extensions and sanctioned new ve-

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